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SUBJECT: CASH SALE OF WHEAT TO AFGHANISTAN

FOR NEA/PAB

USDA FOR OFFICE OF GENERAL SALES MANAGER

SINGAPORE FOR WHEAT ASSOCIATES

1. DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE TARZI HAS REQUESTED WASHINGTON BE INFORMED THAT AFGHANISTAN EXPECTS TO TENDER THROUGH THE AFGHAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR THE CASH PURCHASE OF 100,000 MT PLUS OR MINUS FIVE PERCENT BUYERS OPTION US NO. 2 OR BETTER SOFT WHITE/WESTERN WHITE WHEAT. BIDS MAY BE REQUESTED BASED BOTH FOB PNW PORTS AND C&F KARACHI, ORIGINATION PNW PORTS. DELIVERY SCHEDULE FIRST CARGO EARLIEST LOADING, BALANCE OVER TWO MONTHS.

2. AFGHAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BEING INSTRUCTED BY CABLE FROM KABUL TO MAKE THIS PURCHASE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. AFGHANS ARE INEXPERIENCED IN THIS TYPE OF PURCHASE AND ARE UNSURE OF PROCEDURES. REQUEST MAXIMUM COOPERATION AND HELP OF GENERAL SALES MANAGER ON ALL PHASES OF PURCHASE PROCEDURES. THERE MAY BE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN FUTURE, AND IT IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE THIS PURCHASE BE MADE WITHOUT PROBLEMS TO ASSURE US OF MAXIMUM CONSIDERATION IN SUCH AN EVENT. REQUEST GENERAL SALES MANAGER DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AFGHAN EMBASSY ON THIS SALE. GRAIN TRADE SHOULD BE INFORMED. PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY LETTERS OF CREDIT FROM CHASE MANHATTAN BANK.

3. WHEAT ASSOCIATES DIRECTOR HUNT HAS BEEN IN KABUL COOPERATING
WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCAIL SECTION OFFICIALS TO FINALIZE
ARRANGMENTS THIS END.
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